

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A software execution method comprising:  
a detection step of detecting a location; and  
a termination step of terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said location.

2. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said termination step, the execution of  
said software is terminated at a location other than a  
predetermined location.

3. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said detection step, a location is  
detected from a GPS signal received by a GPS receiver.

4. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said termination step, the execution of  
software for controlling semiconductor manufacturing  
procedures is terminated.

5. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said termination step, the execution of  
remote access software is terminated.

6. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said termination step, information  
written on a part is read and the execution of software

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is terminated in accordance with said information and  
said detected location.

5           7. A software execution apparatus comprising:  
          detection means for detecting a location; and  
          termination means for terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said location.

10           8. A software execution apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein said termination means terminates the  
execution of said software at a location other than a  
predetermined location.

15           9. A software execution apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein said detection means detects a  
location from a GPS signal received by a GPS receiver.

20           10. A software execution apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein said termination means terminates the  
execution of software for controlling semiconductor  
manufacturing procedures.

25           11. A software execution apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein said termination means terminates the  
execution of remote access software.

12. A software execution apparatus according to

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claim 7, wherein said termination means reads information written on a part, and terminates the execution of software in accordance with said information and said detected location.

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13. A storage medium on which is stored a program comprising:

a detection step of detecting a location; and

10 a termination step of terminating the execution of software in accordance with said location.

14. A storage medium according to claim 13, wherein, at said termination step, the execution of said software is terminated at a location other than a  
15 predetermined location.

15. A storage medium according to claim 13, wherein, at said detection step, a location is detected from a GPS signal received by a GPS receiver.  
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16. A storage medium according to claim 13, wherein, at said termination step, the execution of software for controlling semiconductor manufacturing procedures is terminated.

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17. A storage medium according to claim 13, wherein, at said termination step, the execution of

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remote access software is terminated.

18. A storage medium according to claim 13,  
wherein, at said termination step, information written  
5 on a part is read and the execution of software is  
terminated in accordance with said information and said  
detected location.

19. A software execution method comprising:  
10 a reception step of receiving a GPS signal from a  
GPS receiver; and  
a termination step of terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said GPS signal.

20. A software execution method according to  
15 claim 19, wherein at said termination step the  
execution of software is terminated in accordance with  
time information included in said GPS signal.

21. A software execution apparatus comprising:  
20 reception means for receiving a GPS signal from a  
GPS receiver; and  
termination means for terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said GPS signal.

22. A software execution apparatus according to  
25 claim 21, wherein said termination means terminates the

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execution of software in accordance with time  
information included in said GPS signal.

23. A storage medium on which is stored a program  
5 comprising:

a reception step of receiving a GPS signal from a  
GPS receiver; and

a termination step of terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said GPS signal.

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24. A storage medium according to claim 23,  
wherein at said termination step the execution of  
software is terminated in accordance with time  
information included in said GPS signal.

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25. A monitoring apparatus comprising:  
first reception means, for receiving a  
notification signal from a monitor target apparatus;

second reception means, for receiving a GPS  
20 signal; and

monitoring means, for employing said notification  
signal and said GPS signal to monitor the legality of  
software used by said monitor target apparatus.

26. A remote access control apparatus comprising:  
determination means, for determining the location  
25 of a remote access station; and

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control means, for terminating a remote access in accordance with said location of said remote access station.

5           27. A remote access apparatus comprising:  
reading means, for reading apparatus information recorded on an optical part; and

transmission means, for transmitting to a remote access destination, in order to notify an apparatus for  
10 which remote access is permitted, said apparatus information obtained by said reading means.

28. A remote access apparatus according to claim  
27, wherein said transmission means transmits said  
15 apparatus information and a GPS signal.

29. A software management apparatus comprising:  
information acquisition means, for externally  
obtaining time information and/or location information;  
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halting means, for halting the execution of software in accordance with a comparison of said time information and/or said location information with information written in said software.

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30. A software management apparatus according to claim 29, wherein said information acquisition means

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obtains said time information and/or said location information from a GPS receiver.

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31. A network system wherein remote access is performed between a first apparatus and a second apparatus; wherein said first apparatus includes location information acquisition means for obtaining location information for said first apparatus, and transmission means for transmitting said location information obtained by said location information acquisition means; and wherein said second apparatus includes reception means for receiving said location information from said transmission means, and disconnection means for halting a remote access in accordance with said location information received by said reception means.

32. A remote access execution apparatus comprising:

location information acquisition means, for obtaining location information for said remote access execution apparatus; and

transmission means, for transmitting to a predetermined apparatus, while remotely accessing said predetermined apparatus, said location information that is obtained by said location information acquisition means in order to notify an apparatus for which remote

access is permitted.

33. A network system wherein remote access  
between a first apparatus and a second apparatus is  
5 effected; wherein said first apparatus includes  
location information acquisition means for obtaining  
first location information for said first apparatus, ID  
information acquisition means for obtaining ID  
information, including second location information for  
10 said first apparatus, and transmission means for  
transmitting said first location information and said  
ID information; and wherein said second apparatus  
includes reception means for receiving said first  
location information and said ID information from said  
15 transmission means, and disconnection means for halting  
a remote access in accordance with said first location  
information and said second location information  
included in said ID information.

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